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Benevolent Assimilation

Who invented the phrase, "benevolent assimilation"?

In all probability, the patentee will not step forward and supply his name. The policy of benevolent assimilation, so far as the Sulu group of the Philippine Islands is concerned, is a failure.

When Brig. Gen. Pershing was Capt. Pershing, and when he announced that the only way the United States could maintain a foothold in the Sulu group was by the exercise of the iron hand, he was widely criticised by misinformed individuals. That the government at Washington had a different way of looking at the matter has been indicated by the fact that it is now Brig. Gen. Pershing instead of Capt. Pershing.

The latest word from the Philippines proves again that Pershing was right. The Sultan of Jolo, having been offered gifts the by government at Washington, is said to have accepted them as tribute, and to have announced that he is not only ruler over the whole of the Philippine archipelago, but over the United States as well—a statement that cannot easily be credited save by those who know something about the little potentate who lives and has his being in bare feet and a little cotton suit of many colors, down in the general vicinity of the Straits Settlements.

The last of a long series of difficulties occurred in the Sulu group the other day, and six American soldiers are reported dead.

We hear little of benevolent assimilation these days. Perhaps we ought to hear more of Pershing's stronghand theory—at least to the extent of disarming a people who are a little more than half devil, and a little less than half child.—St. Louis Times.

Agricultural Education

There has been a wonderful increase of interest in agricultural education in the United States during the last few years. Sixteen years ago, for instance, not a high school in the land was teaching agriculture; at present the number is in excess of 2,000. Sixteen years ago there were 61 state agricultural colleges and 9 agricultural schools—or 70 institutions in all in which agriculture was taught; now agriculture is taught in about 2,600 state and private colleges, public and private agricultural schools and public and private high schools.

This development of interest in the scientific raising of crops and farm animals has not extended over the whole of the sixteen-year period, but has been more marked in the last four years, and most rapid in the last two years. Four years ago the agricultural-education service of the office of experiment stations listed less than 350 institutions as teaching agriculture; two years ago, less than 900; now, about 2,600. Between 1908 and 1910 the number of institutions teaching agriculture was practically doubled, and between 1910 and 1912 this number was trebled. And while sixteen years ago, or even ten years ago, the public high schools were hardly thought of as effective agencies for the education of the rural people along vocational lines, at the present time they constitute more than 80 per cent of before.

the agencies engaged in teaching agriculture.

The hopeful thing about it is the fact that the best agricultural regions are recognizing the value of agricultural education and providing generously for its support. Wherever suitable equipment and capable teachers have been provided, the schools and everyone connected with them have been benefited; the attendance has increased; the school work has assumed a more businesslike air, and the relations between teachers, pupils and parents have become closer and more sympathetic.—St. Joseph News-Press.

Saving Missouri Hogs

The College of Agriculture at Columbia has just announced that it is now prepared to supply hog cholera serum in any amounts to the farmers of Missouri at the cost of production. The last legislature made an appropriation for additions to the serum plant and the additions will make it possible for them to meet an ordinary demand for hog cholera serum.

The college is now sending out approximately 1,000 doses of serum per day. The enlarged facilities for manufacture will make it possible to increase this output to meet any ordinary demand. The serum is sold at the cost of production, which averages about thirty cents for each animal. Orders for hog cholera serum should be sent to the College of Agriculture, Veterinary Department, Columbia, Mo.

Missionaries Buy Girls

That missionaries in India are buying young girls by the thousand at ten cents apiece in order to save them from immoral lives in the temples was the statement made in the St. Louis Y. M. C. A. Sunday by Sherwood Eddy, Y. M. C. A. secretary of Asia. Among the poverty stricken there, he said, the yearly income for a family is from \$9 to \$11. Only one woman out of every 144 can read. He described marriage ceremonies where the infant bride sat on the mother's lap and sucked candy.

Carriers and 'Possum Post

The rural carriers as a rule are not pleased with the parcel post law, and the department at Washington is hearing from them in the way of loud and long kicks. A Georgia carrier registered his complaints in the following letter to his congressman: "I sat myself with pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that you have played the devil with me. When I took the contract to carry mail the express company was doing a pretty good business and I got ten cents for each express package and 10 cents and a drink for a jug. You fixed the law so I couldn't carry the jug, and now you have fixed a thing called possum post law, and the express company don't handle any more packages. When I made this trade to carry the mail I didn't know anything about the darned foolishness of sending farming implements through the mail. I ain't a man to quit his job, but I have got to have help."—Shelbina Torchlight.

Referendum Delays Two Laws

Petitions for a referendum vote on the county unit local option and full crew laws were filed with Secretary of State Roach Saturday. The action delays the operation of these laws until after the November election next year, when the laws must receive a majority vote to be effective. These are the first referendum petitions ever filed in Missouri. The initiative has been invoked a number of times, but lines, at the present time they constitute more than 80 per cent of before.

Bad Eggs Farmers' Fault?

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Convinced that means could be found to overcome the loss of several millions of dollars a year in the egg industry, the department of agriculture has just completed an extensive inquiry into the causes for bad and addled eggs.

In a statement issued today the investigators fix the blame on farmers and poulterers. "The greatest part of the loss is due mainly to ignorance or indifference on the part of the farmer and producer," says the report, "and only a small part is caused by carelessness on the part of the buyer and shipper."

The department urges the observance of five simple rules in the condition of the egg industry and sets them forth as follows:

"Give the hens clean nests."
"Gather eggs at least once daily."
"Keep eggs in a cool, dry place."
"Market all eggs at least twice a week."
"Kill or sell all mature male birds as soon as the hatching season closes."

The result of the investigation has been embodied in a special pamphlet ordered printed by the department.

Swat the Fly

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Indian Graves

Last week as Guy Grider and Guy Mace were digging to plant a pressure tank north of Grider's home near Austin Mill site, bones were unearthed and upon further digging pipes were found. In this hole there were bones of two Indians, both of good size and from the condition of the teeth

they were of a ripe old age at time of death. Another mound was opened through curiosity, which also revealed a grave. There are numberless Indian graves in this community, but they are rarely opened. Especially are they plentiful along the banks of Locust creek and around Miles Lake northwest of here.—News.

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